



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Reference: Amended 30 Day Post-General Report (10/17/02-11/25/02), dated
1/28/03

Dear Ms. Bonfiglio:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits established by the Act. The Act precludes an individual or a political committee from making a contribution to a national party committee in excess of \$20,000 per calendar year. (2 U.S.C. §441a(a)) However, a political committee may make unlimited transfers to a national party committee if the transferred amount is determined to be and disclosed as "excess campaign funds". (11 CFR §113.1(e))

if any apparent excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly reported, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If the contribution made was excessive, you must notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$20,000. You also must inform the Commission in writing of such a refund and provide a photocopy of any refund request sent to the recipient committee. The refund must appear on Line 15 of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the refund is received.

Although the Commission may take further legal action, prompt action by you to obtain a refund of the excessive contribution amount will be taken into consideration.

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-Column B figures for the Summary and Detailed Summary Page information should equal the sum of the Column B figures on your previous report and the Column A figures on this report minus the Column C figures. Please file an amendment to your report to correct the Column B discrepancies for Line(s) 6(a), 6(c), 7(a), 7(b), 7(c), 11(a)(iii), 11(c), 11(e), 14, 16, 17, 22 and all subsequent report(s) which may be affected by this correction. Note that Column B should reflect only the election cycle-to-date totals. (2 U.S.C. §434(b))

-For future reports, please be advised that Line 18 of the Detailed Summary Page information should be used only for transfers to other authorized committees. Contributions to federal committees should be disclosed on Line 21 of the Detailed Summary Page information and itemized on a separate Schedule B. (11 CFR §104.3(b)(2))

-Schedule A of your report indicates that your committee may have failed to file one or more of the required 48 hour notices regarding "last minute" contributions received by your committee after the close of books for the 12 Day Pre-General Report. A principal campaign committee must notify the Commission, in writing, within 48 hours of any contribution of \$1,000 or more received between two and twenty days before an election. These contributions are then reported on the next report required to be filed by the committee. To ensure that the Commission is notified of last minute contributions of \$1,000 or more to your campaign, it is recommended that you review your procedures for checking contributions received during the aforementioned time period. The failure to file 48-hour notices may result in civil money penalties or legal enforcement action. If any contribution of \$1,000 or more was incorrectly reported, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

-Your committee filed a 48 hour notice disclosing a "last minute" contribution from Michael D. Landes on 10/31/02. This contribution does not appear on a Schedule A of this report. Please amend your report to include this contribution or provide an explanation of this apparent discrepancy (11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(i))

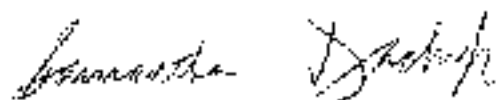
A response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you

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need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Samantha Dachik
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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**EXCESSIVE
CONTRIBUTIONS ON
THE 2002 30 DAY POST-GENERAL
REPORT**

**P = Primary Election
G = General Election**

RECIPIENT	DATE	AMOUNT	ELECTION
National Republican Congressional Committee	10/16/2002	25,000	G
National Republican Congressional Committee	11/01/2002	18,000	G
National Republican Congressional Committee	11/04/2002	10,000	G

